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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY Q AND A ON CUBAN OVERFLIGHT WHICH

----- EMBASSY CAN USE FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS IF

----- THEY ARISE.

Q - IS IT TRUE THAT AN AIR CUBANA PLANE OVER FLEW THE US
ON FEBRUARY 25 EN ROUTE FROM HAVANA TO MONTREAL AND DID
WE GIVE OUR APPROVAL?

A - YES, THERE WAS SUCH A FLIGHT AND THE FLIGHT PLAN WAS
ROUTINELY ACCEPTED BY AN ELEMENT OF THE FAA WHICH DID NOT
REALIZE THAT THE CUBANS HAD NOT APPLIED FOR PERMISSION FOR
APPROVED AIR ROUTES. US PLANES WHICH REGULARLY
OVERFLY CUBA ARE REQUIRED TO FLY THROUGH TWO SPECIFIED
AIR CORRIDORS. WE INFORMED THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT
YESTERDAY THROUGH THE SWISS EMBASSY IN HAVANA THAT NO
FURTHER AIR CUBANA OVERFLIGHTS OF THE US SHOULD TAKE
PLACE UNTIL THE CUBANS APPLY TO US THROUGH APPROPRIATE
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CHANNELS FOR APPROVED AIR ROUTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH

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